



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5725**

January Session, 2005

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVERSION OF LEASED PROPERTY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Subdivision (13) of section 53a-119 of the general statutes  
2       is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3       *October 1, 2005*):

4       (13) Conversion of leased property. (A) A person is guilty of  
5       conversion of leased personal property who, with the intent of  
6       converting the same to his own use or that of a third person, after  
7       renting or leasing such property under an agreement in writing which  
8       provides for the return of such property to a particular place at a  
9       particular time, sells, conveys, conceals or aids in concealing such  
10      property or any part thereof, and who thereafter fails to return such  
11      property to the agreed place or to any other place of business of the  
12      lessor within one hundred ninety-two hours after the lessor shall have  
13      sent a written demand to him for the return of the property by  
14      registered or certified mail addressed to him at his address as shown in  
15      the written agreement, unless a more recent address is known to the  
16      lessor. Acknowledgment of the receipt of such written demand by the  
17      lessee shall not be necessary to establish that one hundred ninety-two  
18      hours have passed since such written demand was sent. (B) Any  
19      person, being in possession of personal property other than wearing  
20      apparel, received upon a written lease, who, with intent to defraud,

21 sells, conveys, conceals or aids in concealing such property, or any part  
22 thereof, shall be prima facie presumed to have done so with the  
23 intention of converting such property to his own use. (C) A person  
24 who uses a false or fictitious name or address in obtaining such leased  
25 personal property shall be prima facie presumed to have obtained such  
26 leased personal property with the intent of converting the same to his  
27 own use or that of a third person. (D) "Leased personal property", as  
28 used in this subdivision, means any personal property received  
29 pursuant to a written contract, by which one owning such property,  
30 the lessor, grants to another, the lessee, the right to possess, use and  
31 enjoy such personal property for a specified period of time for a  
32 specified sum.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	53a-119(13)
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**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*